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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 3 Percent in December

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan. 21, 2011 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during December 2010 totaled 118.3 million pounds, up 3 percent from December 2009, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 108.6 million pounds live weight, was up 16 percent from December 2009. Total head slaughtered was 87,800, also up 16 percent from the same month last year. Live weight averaged 1,249 pounds, down 6 pounds per head from last year. Veal production was 4.4 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,300 head was down 7 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 5 pounds per head to 429 pounds.

Pork production was 70.9 million pounds live weight, down 8 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 271,500, down 9 percent from December 2009. Average live weight increased 4 pounds per head from last year to 262 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during December 2010 was 358,000 pounds live weight, down 8 percent from December 2009. The number slaughtered was 3,700 head, down 5 percent from last year. Average live weight was 97 pounds per head, which is down 3 pounds from the previous year.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in December 2010 totaled 4.36 billion pounds, up 5 percent from the 4.15 billion pounds produced in December 2009. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.27 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Veal production totaled 11.7 million pounds, 11 percent below December a year ago.

Pork production totaled 2.06 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from December 2009.

January-December 2010 commercial red meat production was 49.1 billion pounds, down slightly from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was down 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

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